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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING
FUNCTIONS FOR INC ACTIVITIES

REF: A) STATE 082908, B) STATE 076372

1. ONE OF THE MOST COMPLEX ASPECTS OF THE TRANSFER OF
FUNCTIONS SUPPORTING INC PROJECTS FROM A.I.D. TO THE
DEPARTMENT RELATES TO THE ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL
REPORTING ACTIVITIES. IN ORDER TO PROPERLY ASSESS THE
PROBLEM AND DEVELOP APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE, THE DEPARTMENT
ESTABLISHED A FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKING GROUP WITH
MEMBERSHIP DRAWN FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF FINANCIAL
SERVICES, S/NM, M/MO AND SYSTEMS. A.I.D. IS ALSO
REPRESENTED ON THE WORKING GROUP.

2. THE WORKING GROUP HAS OBTAINED THE FULL-TIME ASSISTANCE
OF A FINANCIAL CONSULTANT WHO HAS BEEN ASSESSING S/NM
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ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS; DEVELOPING PRO-
CEDURES FOR THE TRANSFER OF ACCOUNTS; AND DESIGNING WHAT
IS ESSENTIALLY A NEW PROJECT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR INC
ACTIVITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT. A MANUAL OF PROCEDURES IS
NOW IN PROCESS AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-AUGUST.
THIS MANUAL WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE PROJECT ACCOUNTING
SYSTEM. THE ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR INC FUNDS

WILL NOT VARY FROM ALLOTMENT ACCOUNTING PRESENTLY USED
FOR DOS FUNDS.

3. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING WHAT WILL BE A
THREE PART TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PROMULGATING THE PROJECT
ACCOUNTING SYSTEM: A) THE FIRST PART WILL BE A ONE
WEEK FINANCIAL SERVICES WORKSHOP IN LATE AUGUST. THE
WORKSHOP WILL PROBABLY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON AND WILL
BE ATTENDED BY BUDGET AND FISCAL OFFICERS AND A PRINCIPAL
FSL ASSISTANT FROM EACH POST. S/NM WILL FUND TRAVEL.
EXACT DATES OF THE WORKSHOP WILL BE ANNOUNCED. B)
THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE AT
POST IN SEPTEMBER. TWO-MAN TEAMS WOULD VISIT EACH
AFFECTED POST AND SPEND SEVERAL DAYS WITH THE BUDGET
AND FISCAL STAFF IN FURTHER EXPLAINING PROJECT ACCOUNTING
AND ASSISTING IN INSTALLING THE SYSTEM. C) THE THIRD
PHASE WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER OCTOBER 1. WE WILL HAVE
AVAILABLE IN S/NM THE EXPERT WHO IS DESIGNING THE
TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AN ADDITIONAL 45 DAYS TO BACKSTOP
INQUIRIES FROM THE FIELD. THE EXPERT WILL ALSO BE
AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL TO POST IF THAT SHOULD PROVE TO
BE NECESSARY.

4. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WITH THE FOREGOING MEASURES
WE CAN MAKE THE FINANCIAL SERVICES TRANSITION FROM A.I.D.
TO STATE WITH A MINIMUM OF DISRUPTION. FOREGOING IS
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